

Nebraska Youth Camp

Newsletter

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Nebraska Youth Camp is to provide God's people a wholesome environment, recreation and instruction in the knowledge of God's word in order to strengthen their walk with God.

WHAT IS BEGINNER'S CAMP?

Beginner's camp is the perfect way to introduce your 7-9 year old to Nebraska Youth Camp. This session is a fun-filled two days that lets the younger camper experience all the camp entails. It is such an exciting time as the seeds are planted for lifelong spiritual growth, social growth, a love for the outdoors, and also a love for Nebraska Youth Camp.

There are cabin activities, devotionals, camp-wide activities, a camp theme based class rotation, campfires, chapel, swimming, snacks and the list goes on. The kids really have a great time and when we return them to you, they may be a little tired, but they are counting down the days until they can come back!!

We have a full staff to provide not only the fun part of camp, but a safe and educational part as well. The teachers cover 4 classes and those typically are Bible, crafts, nature, and activities. They learn a daily Bible verse and are always excited for the tractor rides!! As for the cabins, they usually have 2 counselors and 5-6 other campers with them. It is great to see how quickly friendships form, and what great Christian examples the counselors set. Please consider sharing this experience with your child, you will not regret it!!



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We know our God is So Big and with Him all things are possible. The need is big too! God has blessed NYC and the campers who attend, in countless ways in the past. This new dining hall is a very important tool needed to continue teaching our campers about Him. We live in a world hungering for meaning and security. If you ask our campers, they will tell you in their own words that through the years they have found meaning and security at Nebraska Youth Camp. That's not to mention how many have actually found Jesus at NYC. A new, larger (and cleaner) dining hall will help NYC to continue to provide this tremendous service to our children, families and our churches. Imagine what God can do with several churches and individuals working together to build this new dining hall.

NYC board members are willing to come to church with you some Sunday morning to share with your congregation the nuts and bolts of this project. If you have questions, or to request a presentation, please contact Greg Clark by e-mail at greg@dadsnlads.org or by phone at 402-432-2300. Will you please



SERVING GOD THROUGH NYC

Many Christians travel to all parts of the world to serve by teaching God's word to children. Here in Nebraska we have a wonderful ministry and a great place to serve God right down Interstate 80, exiting at the Minden exchange.

Serving God through Nebraska Youth Camp has become a mission for many. It usually starts off so innocently; dropping your child off for a camp session, volunteering for a project out at camp. You feel drawn in as you begin to feel the presence of God and his love. Once you see the children, and their desire to learn about God, you are hooked.

Serving God through NYC is a very gratifying ministry, there is always so much to do and so many ways you can get involved and serve. Look around you and see how many young and old have been touched by NYC. Take a second, think about which area you would like to serve and let us know, we would love to have you! You can contact us via e-mail through the web site or you can call Eric Tremaine at (402) 363-5500

A LOOK AT SENIOR 2007

Senior Session was great this year; it was the second year directing Senior for Jared and me. This year our attendance was up, but more importantly we believe it was much more spiritual. We had 7 people put on Christ in baptism. We had a great staff this year and kept adding more as the two weeks went on. We hope all the campers are putting into practice what the teachers challenged them to do. Jared and I are already thinking about next year, and planning for it. We hope the attendance keeps going up, and that more people decide to turn their lives to God. -Jonah

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

What is it about Nebraska Youth Camp that instills such loyalty and dedication from those who pass through its gate? Young people and adults alike come back year after year to spend time at this little piece of property which lies just outside Kearney Nebraska and is nestled in between I-80 and the Platte River. We love our little campground but I don't believe our setting is why NYC is loved. There are plenty of places that have a more attractive and quiet setting for a camp. Many memories are made in our cabins and other buildings, however they are not what draw people back. I have been involved with Nebraska Youth Camp for over 28 years, as a camper, counselor, teacher, director and board member. I believe I have seen the answer. Nebraska Youth Camp is the Power

of God working through His people to change lives! Year after year dedicated Christians give of themselves to serve at NYC in order to help people strengthen their walk with God. And year after year I have seen it happening: People leave our gates better equipped to serve God and impact their world for Him, looking forward to next year when they can come back out and do it all again.



PERSONAL DEVO TIME

John 14:6 "Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"



This is how God makes camp so worth while. God does amazing things in the lives of so many people at Nebraska Youth Camp. We recently started a list of people who have given themselves to Christ through baptism at Nebraska Youth camp. To view the running list, click the link below. If you know someone that is not on the list, please post and add to it! These people are a living testament of the work God does every year out at NYC!

FIFTH SUNDAY GIVING EFFORT

Nebraska Youth Camp is in the midst of a capital fund-raising campaign that is bigger than anything we have ever tackled. The project to build a new dining hall will cost \$611,000. WOW that is a big number, isn't it? At NYC, we teach the youngest of our campers a song that starts like this: *My God is so BIG, so Strong and so Mighty, there's nothing my God cannot do!* So, to practice what that song teaches... we believe that even though it is a really big number our Really Big God can make it happen. One way we would like to invite people to help is through a 5th Sunday giving effort.

So far, the fund-raising effort has been aided by very generous donors. We are sure there are more very generous donors "out there" that we haven't gotten to yet. In order to reach as many as we can in a short time, we are inviting area churches to partner with us on a 5th Sunday.

The 5th Sunday contribution can take different forms. One church might dedicate its offering for that day to be given to NYC.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 9

↪ NYC Board Meeting at Southwest Omaha

November 9 - 11

↪ Akastasia Youth Rally at Southwest Omaha

November 30 - December 1

↪ Camp Reunion Days at York College

December 7th

↪ NYC Board Meeting in Lincoln

December 27 - 30

↪ Youth In Action in Kansas City

December 30

↪ Fifth Sunday Offering



DONATION NEEDS

Dining Hall
Commercial Kitchen Equipment
Riding Lawn Mower
Tractor
Life Jackets
Camp Scholarships
Trees

Please mail your donation to:
Nebraska Youth Camp
315 Briggs Avenue
Hastings, NE 68901

If you would like your donation to go toward a specific need, just write it on your check! Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YAC is now accepting 2008 theme ideas. This year's theme will need to be centered around Jesus.

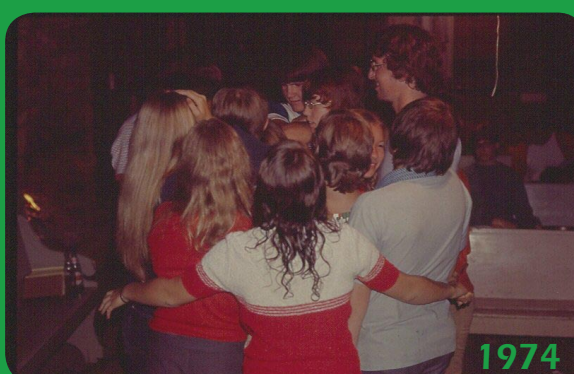
A big thanks to the 2007 staff! Over 140 unique staff members volunteered this past camp season.

Mary Munsell was honored with the Heart of a Servant award this year at the NYC Annual Dinner.

Harold Tandy was honored with a plaque for his 38 years of dedicated service on the Board of Directors. Thank you Harold!

\$1,125 was raised at the NYC Dinner. Praise God! Thank you for your continued support.

A running countdown to camp has been added to the NYC web site! This will be great fun for many of our campers.



Some things at Nebraska Youth Camp never change. This is one of them. Friends scrunched together for a group hug during the summer of 1974.